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**From:** Joseph Moore  
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**To:** Karen Sides  
**Cc:** 'Vern Crawford'  
**Subject:** FW: 5/27/09 Board Meeting Question - Frank Barbieri - PS2 Professional Services Agreement with Capital City Consulting, LLC

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On May 19, 2009 the following information was requested from Board Member Frank Barbieri regarding PS2 Professional Services Agreement with Capital City Consulting, LLC.

**Question:** How do the services provided by Capital City Consulting differ from those provided to the District by Vern Crawford?

**Response:** The services of Pat O'Connell and Ron LaFace have been an integral part of our district efforts over the past several years.

- both serve as our Tallahassee based "eyes and ears" when Mr. Crawford is not in Tallahassee, particularly in monitoring State Board of Education meetings as well as keeping daily contact with legislative committee staff on various issues;
- Because the district tracks over 400 bills each session, both help keep tabs on those bills and, as needed, duties are split, e.g., Mr. LaFace was responsible this session for getting the charter school accountability language into SB278 that passed; Mr. LaFace and Mr. Crawford were the ones responsible last session making sure Sen. Deutch and Rep. Hasner had what they needed for the school fence signage and in working with a number of other legislators on this issue while, at the same time, pursuing appropriations issues during the final 3 weeks; Ms. O'Connell, Mr. LaFace and Mr. Crawford were responsible in 2007 for the extension of the charter school district law that's allowed PB and three other counties the ability to waive various regulatory law, particularly in construction which has saved the district significant time and money (Castaldi formula, etc.);
- Both are key to our District's successes and ability to have some impact on fiscal and statutory legislation. We believe our delegation members will validate their value as well. This legislative lobbying model is similar to that used in all the large urban counties with the exception that other counties dedicate a specific senior staff position to legislative issues as well.

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